

can do, or school districts can do cooperatively without ESUs because the county is without an ESU and they provide the services. Staffing problems, I guess that is a problem I think, except for the first year, is something that can be dealt with as the problem is brought up that Senator Baack did. I think as far as having intermediate units, there are 42 states that have intermediate units. Only four have some type of property tax levies that they can levy. The other ones are simply provide contracted services. Another question I think, and I served as a small town superintendent and I simply say that are the small town superintendents doing their job. Can they do some of the services that they are so easily turning over to ESUs? I simply say that we have to have this to simply make this a realistic study next year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion is, the motion is to adopt the amendment offered by Senator Hartnett to LB 997. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Motion is to adopt the Hartnett amendment. Please record your vote. Senator Hannibal. Senator Hannibal, do you want to record your presence. Oh, excuse me, I'm sorry. I like to see those green lights come on, with no intention to sway. Okay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Advance the bill, please.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to readvance the bill from Select File. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried, the bill is readvanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baack would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (Baack amendment appears on page 1766 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President, colleagues, this motion to return this bill to Select File for a special amendment is not nearly as controversial as the last one. Shouldn't take very long. It is just a matter of the study that was proposed in 997 and an amendment to 997 had some vague language in about how the people that were selected for this task force would be from